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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 5 August 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell
 Col. Burke

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Col. Geary

Mr. Cunningham

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1. War Risk Insurance for Contractor Employees - Mr. Cunningham stated that a draft staff study on this subject for the DCI's signature had been prepared, but that further data would be required before the study could be put into final form.

ACTION: Mr. Cunningham

SUSPENSE: 12

2. C-54 Utilization at Detachment B - Mr. Cunningham said that he still had received no answer from Detachment B to his cable on this subject. It was decided that a follow-up message be sent.

ACTION: Mr. Cunningham

SUSPENSE: 12 August

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3. Operation [redacted] - The office of the CNO had reconfirmed its desire to run the U-2 against Sixth Fleet radars. The test will take place on the 11th of August with details to be worked out in the meantime.

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ACTION: [redacted]

SUSPENSE: 8 August

4. Sanitization of "T" Material for the Navy - There had been a lengthy discussion of this matter at a combined meeting of the Utilization Advisory Board and ARC. As a result of this meeting Mr. Reber's draft to Admiral Burke's original letter was changed so as to state that Admiral Burke's request was a major policy decision requiring IAC or possibly White House decision. The letter still is not in final form. Mr. Bissell

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said that he wanted to review this matter with General Cabell and possibly with Mr. Dulles and requested [] to draw up the alternatives open to us.

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ACTION: []

SUSPENSE: 12 August

5. Colonel Burke's Trip to Detachment C - Col. Burke had prepared a summary of his trip to Detachment C (CHAL-0275). He said that in general the state of Detachment C was good.

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6. [] Trip to Detachments B and C - [] 25X1A

[] briefly reviewed the purposes of his and Dr. Rod Scott's impending trip to Detachment C. Departure is set for 9 August. [] 25X1A said the major purpose of the trip was to review certain SOP's that had been established earlier but had apparently not been put in effect, particularly those having to do with photo quality. Mr. Bissell asked [] [] to submit to him prior to departure a specific list of those subjects to be discussed. Mr. Bissell also raised the question as to whether there was prompt feedback to determine quality at Detachment C. 25X1A [] said that he did not think that there was at this time but he would accomplish setting up such a procedure during his trip.

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ACTION: []

SUSPENSE: 7 August

[] stated that negotiations were underway to acquire Perkin-Elmer tech rep types (one at each detachment) for supervision of maintenance of trackers and drift sights.

7. Status of [] Negotiations - Mr. Cunningham summarized what had transpired on this subject during the previous week. He said that initiative had been left in the hands of Mr. Hugh Cumming of the Department of State, who had said he would call Mr. Cunningham about 6 August to report on whether State Department approval for Mr. Cunningham's trip [] had been secured. Since Mr. Cumming appeared to have gone on leave for the week of 4 August, Mr. Bissell stated that he would probably ask the Director to settle the matter upon the return to Washington of the Secretary of State, scheduled for 6 August. Mr. Bissell was going to take this action only if Mr. Gordon Arneson, Cumming's deputy, was not able to achieve the State concurrence.

ACTION: Mr. Bissell, Mr. Cunningham

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8. Ops Plan in Support of EWP and Evacuation Plan for Detachments -
[redacted] stated that he had reviewed these items and that both were
pretty well up to date. Detachment C plan being reviewed.

ACTION: Ops

SUSPENSE: 12 August

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9. Training Program for Detachment C - [redacted] announced that one Headquarters-directed mission per week by Detachment C would be scheduled for camera equipment check-out. Detachment C will be requested to have the product ready for the review of Dr. Scott.

ACTION: Completed

10. Assumption of Responsibility for System IV by Communications - It was announced that Communications was now ready to take over responsibility for operation and maintenance of System IV. Although there are still some problem areas, particularly noise in the 1-A and 1-B channels, none of these is felt to be insuperable. Communications and Mr. Bissell were in agreement that any item of equipment would remain under contractor supervision until completely shaken down.

ACTION: Completed

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11. EAFB Test Program - [redacted] stated that an up-to-date test program was in the works but not completed yet.

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ACTION: **SUSPENSE:** 12 August

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12. U-2 Accidents - Since [] message [] -2091) summarizing the possible causes of the two recent U-2 accidents, together with suggested fixes, had gone to both detachments, no further messages from Headquarters were felt necessary. Mr. Bissell asked that [] 25X1A [] see General Flickinger to determine if anything further could be added to the information we already have.

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ACTION: SUSPENSE: 12 August

13. DPS Budget - Mr. Bissell announced that the Director had received calmly the news that we would probably have to put a considerable bite on his reserve during FY 59.

14. Results of Scientific Advisory Panel Meeting, 31 July - Mr. Bissell
summarized briefly some of the discussions that took place at the 31 July

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meeting on GUSTO-A, GUSTO-B and [redacted]. No firm recommendations resulted from the meeting. Mr. Bissell said he felt that planning progress had been satisfactory on this subject and that after the September meeting of the panel, he would be able to make some positive recommendations.

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In this connection [redacted] asked if it would be desirable for him to request a new interceptor capabilities paper from ATIC based on the presumed capabilities of a follow-on vehicle. Mr. Bissell said this would be desirable but that the request should be carefully phrased so as not to reveal specific capabilities planned for a follow-on vehicle.

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ACTION: [redacted]

SUSPENSE: 9 September

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WILLIAM BURKE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Director, DPS/DCI

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